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		First Inventor
		Title <b>Sinuous Composite Connector System</b>
		Express Mail Label No. <b>EL960459473US</b>

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<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.		ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Patent Application P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 13]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 1]

a.  Newly executed (original or copy)

b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b.  Specification Sequence Listing on:

i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii.  paper

c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
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17.  Other: .....

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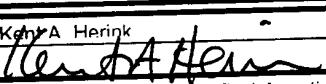
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